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**Trinity County** is located in the northwestern part of the state. The county is bordered on the north by Siskiyou County, on the east by Shasta and Tehama counties, on the south by Mendocino County and on the west by Humboldt County.

With a projected population of 15,600 by 2020, Trinity County is expected to gain 2,100 new residents. That represents an increase of almost 16 percent over the twenty-year period.

The 1999 annual average statistics show the civilian labor force for Trinity County to be 4,890 with an unemployment rate of 11.6 percent. This is significantly higher than the state's unemployment rate of 5.2 percent.

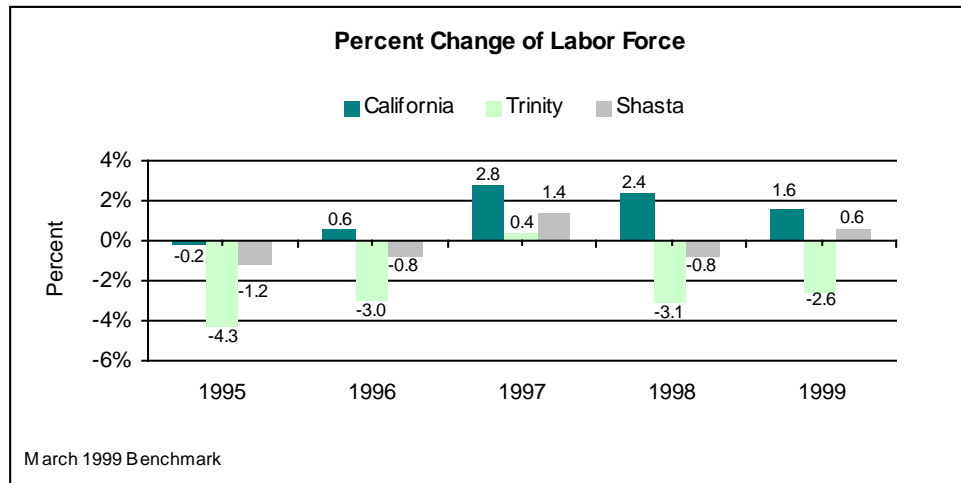
Government is by far the largest industry in the county, accounting for 43.8 percent of total employment. Retail trade makes up 18.0 percent of employment, followed by services with 15.5 percent.

Transportation and public utilities is the fastest growing industry, with a projected growth rate of 30 percent. Other significant industries expected to grow over the forecast period are services (7.7 percent) and retail trade (7.4 percent).

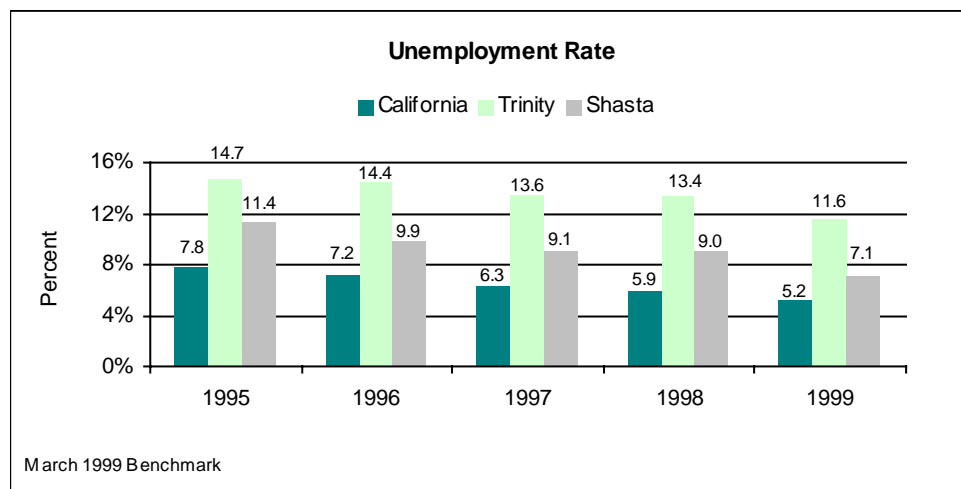
Labor market conditions in Trinity County have slowly improved over the last five years. Although the unemployment rate remains in double digits, it has consistently declined over this period.

## LABOR FORCE

Trinity County's civilian labor force has declined four out of the last five years. Shasta County's civilian labor force has declined three of the last five years. The fluctuating growth and decline evidenced in these counties is due in part to the economic effects of a tourist dependent economy.

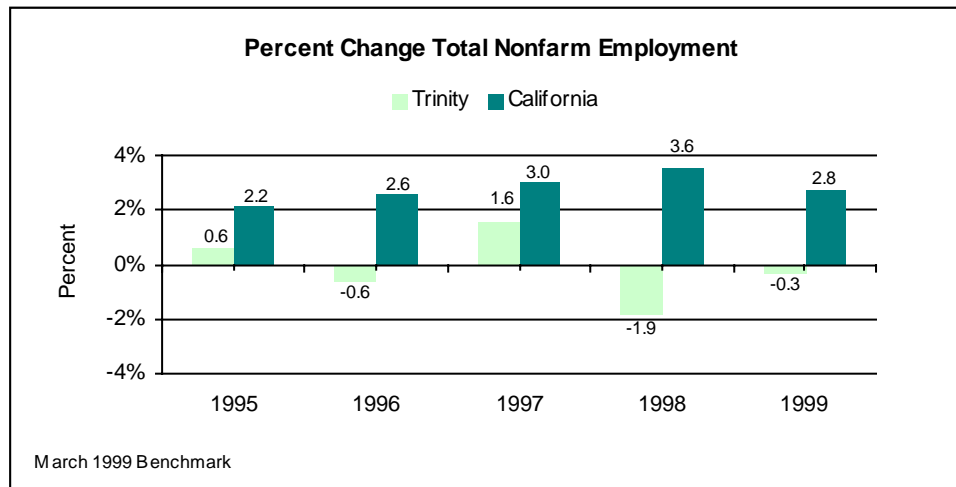


While steadily declining since 1995, unemployment rates for Trinity and Shasta counties have consistently been higher than the unemployment rate for the state. Trinity County's overall unemployment rate improved 3.1 percentage points from a high of 14.7 percent in 1995 to 11.6 percent in 1999.

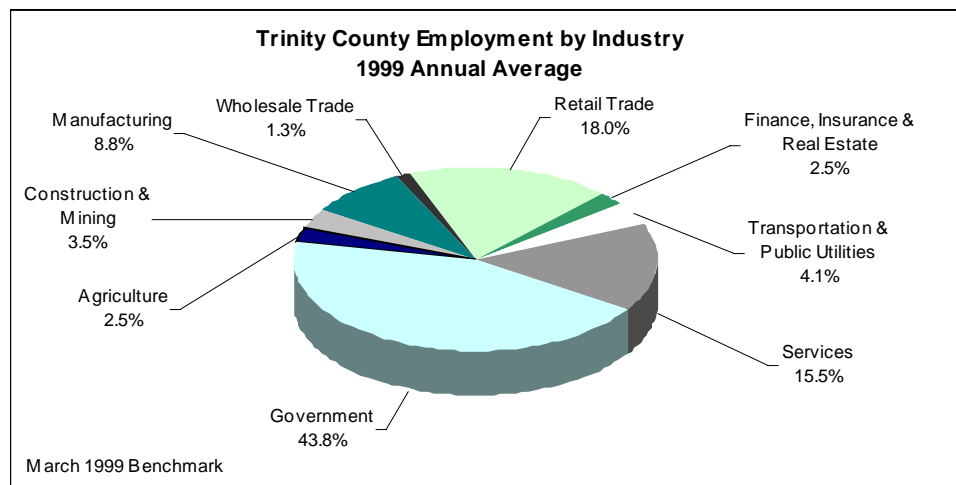


## INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

Though Trinity County nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased in 1997 with 1.6 percent growth, payroll employment over the 1995 – 1999 period declined slightly, down 40 jobs. Total nonfarm employment has shown steady growth for the state, with the greatest increase of 3.6 percent in 1998.



In 1999, government (43.8 percent), retail trade (18.0 percent), and services (15.5 percent) dominated Trinity County employment. It is projected that future job growth in the county will be in transportation and public utilities, services, and retail trade industry sectors.



## OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Demographic trends, shifts in demands for products or services, technological innovations and the way business is conducted are some of the variables that drive employment in an occupation up or down. Also, occupations which have large employment and have high turnover rates generally provide the most job openings. Occupational projections for Trinity County are combined with Del Norte, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Siskiyou, and Tehama counties and published as the Northern Rural Training and Employment Consortium projections.

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	
1997 – 2004 Projected Growth 30.0%	
Associated Occupations	<b>Computer Support Specialist</b> – 20 job openings. Provide technical assistance and training to computer system users. They investigate and resolve computer software and hardware problems for users. Bachelor's Degree. Median Hourly Wage - \$17.65
	<b>Truck Drivers, Heavy</b> – 20 job openings. Drive tractor-trailer combinations or trucks with a capacity of more than three tons to transport and deliver goods, livestock, or materials in liquid, loose or packaged form. They may be required to unload trucks. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$11.90
	<b>Emergency Medical Technicians</b> – 10 job openings. Administer first aid treatment and transport sick or injured persons to medical facility, working as a member of an emergency medical team. Post-secondary vocational education. Median Hourly Wage - \$9.77
	<b>Broadcast Technician</b> – 10 job openings. Set-up, operate, and maintain the electronic equipment used to transmit radio and television programs. Post-secondary vocational education. Median Hourly Wage - \$18.41
	<b>Customer Service Representatives, Utilities</b> – 10 job openings. Interview applicants for water, gas, electric, or telephone service. Talk with customer by phone or in person and receive orders for installation, turn-on, discontinuance, or change in services. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$12.59
SERVICES	
1997 – 2004 Projected Growth 7.7%	
Associated Occupations	<b>Registered Nurses</b> – 60 job openings. Provide direct bedside care and assist physicians with examinations, chart the conditions of patients, give medication, and administer treatment as ordered by the doctor. May supervise auxiliary nursing personnel. Associate Degree. Median Hourly Wage - \$19.33
	<b>Amusement, Recreation Attendants</b> – 60 job openings. Perform any of a variety of attending duties at amusement or recreation facility. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$8.72
	<b>General Managers, Top Executives</b> – 50 job openings. Include both top and mid-level managers whose duties and responsibilities are too diverse and general in nature to be classified in any functional or line area of management and administration. Work Experience, plus a Bachelor's or higher. Median Hourly Wage - \$20.81
	<b>Computer Support Specialist</b> – 50 job openings. Provide technical assistance and training to computer system users. They investigate and resolve computer software and hardware problems for users. Bachelor's Degree. Median Hourly Wage - \$17.65
	<b>First-Line Supervisor / Manager, Clerical ADM SUP</b> – 50 job openings. Directly supervise and coordinate activities of clerical and administrative support workers. Managers / Supervisors are generally found in smaller establishments where they perform both supervisory and management functions. Work Experience. Median Hourly Wage - \$12.39
RETAIL TRADE	
1997 – 2004 Projected Growth 7.4%	
Associated Occupations	<b>Cashiers</b> – 280 job openings. Handle cash and credit payments, make change, give receipts, account for all payments, and perform related clerical duties. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$6.87
	<b>Salespersons, Retail</b> – 240 job openings. Get the customer interested by describing the merchandise and showing how it is used. May also order merchandise, stock shelves, mark price tags, take inventory and prepare displays. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$6.59
	<b>Food Preparation Workers</b> – 70 job openings. Keep kitchen work areas clean and orderly, keep restaurant equipment and utensils clean, move supplies and wash dishes, trays, pots and pans used in cooking and serving. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$5.91
	<b>Combined Food Preparation And Service Workers</b> – 70 job openings. Do both food preparation and food service. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$5.67
	<b>First-Line Supervisor / Manager Sales</b> – 60 job openings. Directly supervise and coordinate activities of marketing, sales, and related workers. May perform management functions, such as budgeting, accounting, marketing, and personnel work. Work Experience. Median Hourly Wage - \$12.90

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